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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 1999 with respect to the patent application identified above.

The Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Applicants, by their attorney, now elect the claims of group one, claim 1-6, 11-12 and 14-15. Accordingly, but without prejudice to the patentability of the subject matter therein, please cancel claims 7-10 and 13. Because all inventors participated jointly in claims 1-6, 11-12 and 14-15, no amendment of inventorship is believed necessary. Favorable action is now solicited.

Respectfully

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